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Measures agreed at Zaire meet

RUSSELS, June 13 (AP). — Representatives of Zaire and ten of the world's wealthiest nations meeting here today to bail out the Zaire economy, agreed in principle today to put foreign officials into key posts of the Zaire Central Bank and the nation's Ministry of Finance. The two-day conference was called at Zaire's request to remedy the effect of years of economic mismanagement and last month's Shaba war. It is also debating proposals for some \$100 million in emergency aid, medical and fuel aid to the nation of 28 million people, conference sources said. But conference delegates pointed out that final decisions on all questions, including emergency aid, would still have to go through a governments and international organisations represented, before policies could be put into action.

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Swiss woman charged in Lebanon

BEIRUT, June 13 (R). — A young Swiss woman alleged to have been carrying a time bomb when she was detained at Beirut Airport last month was today charged with attempting to undertake terrorist acts abroad. Nanni Albonico, 23, a student from Zurich, was held on May 6 as she was about to board a Middle East Airlines flight to Zurich and Frankfurt. Security men said then they found 600 grammes of high explosive with a timing device concealed in her luggage. Investigation source said later she had admitted planning to give the bomb to a Palestinian agent in Switzerland for use against Israeli interests in Europe. Military authorities said the bomb — described by experts as big enough to wreck the plane in flight — was given to her by a Palestinian.

Franjeh vows "war unto death" to avenge killing of son Tony

BEIRUT, June 13 (Agencies). — The son of former President Suleiman Franjeh was killed in heavy fighting between rival rightwing militias in northern Lebanon today and security sources said the death toll had risen to at least 45. The sources said Tony Franjeh, 36, a member of parliament and former government minister, died when his home was destroyed by shellfire at dawn. They said his wife and three-year-old daughter were also killed after being trapped in the blazing building in the mountain resort of Ihden, about 60 kms. north of Beirut. His father, former President Franjeh, has vowed "war unto death" to avenge the killings.

The sources said fighting spread quickly between Mr Franjeh's supporters and members of the Phalangist Party, and mortars, rockets and heavy machineguns were being used. They said about 600 Phalangists backed by armoured cars had surrounded the town and fierce clashes were continuing over a wide area by mid-afternoon. The official National News Agency said later that Arab peace-keeping troops had entered Ihden and taken up key positions. Security sources said most of the attackers withdrew after the troops arrived. The security sources said three Syrian soldiers attached to the Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) were killed when they were ambushed on their way to the battle. The government convened an emergency session under President Elias Sarkis and condemned the killing of the Franjeh family as "a vile act".

The fighting followed a series of clashes between rival rightwing groups in the past month, in which at least 14 people were killed. Western military sources said Mr. Franjeh's supporters in the rugged mountainous region were outnumbered ten to one by the Phalangists. They said the self-styled Zghorta Liberation Army, which supports the Franjeh family, could mobilise only about 200 men quickly, compared with more than 2,000 Phalangists in the area. One source said: "Apart from being the most powerful militia in Lebanon, the Phalangists are the best organised and equipped."

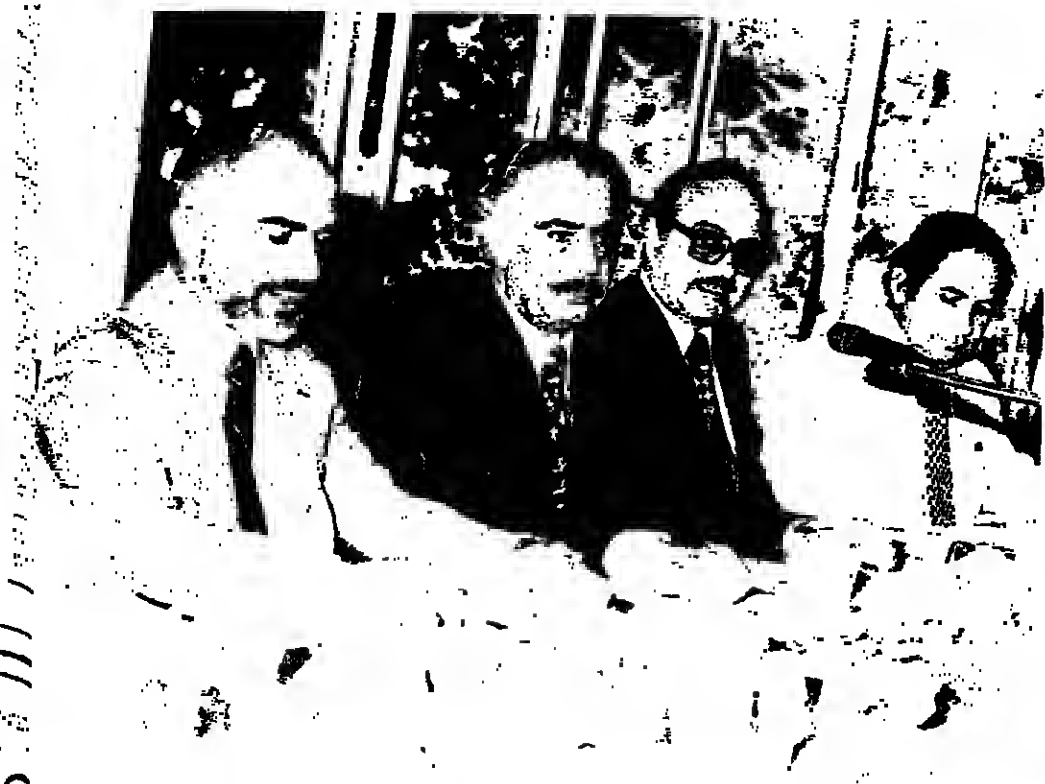
He said military experts expected fresh outbreaks of savage fighting between small groups before the situation was brought under control. Bashir Gemayel, a senior Phalangist leader and overall commander of the country's rightist militias, convened an urgent meeting of his military council in an attempt to stop the clashes. The Phalangist radio later quoted Mr. Gemayel as saying he deeply regretted the death of Mr. Franjeh. "It was a great loss in view of our friendly and cordial relations with him," he said. The radio said the fighting began after the people of the area had been subjected to terrorism and despotism. It did not elaborate, but rightwing sources said it was a clear condemnation of Mr. Franjeh's supporters. Interior Minister Salah Salameh denounced the attack as "a regrettable, criminal act".

Security sources said Mr. Suleiman Franjeh hurried to the scene to cover the bodies of his son and family. He took them to his ancestral home in the nearby town of Zghorta. Mr. Salameh said in his statement: "Whoever planned this operation did not take into account the interest of Lebanon, but on the contrary tried to bring about a realignment of forces, spread confusion and embarrass the authorities. The assassination of deputy Tony Franjeh, his wife Vera and their daughter Jihan and other innocent victims in this manner is further proof of the atrocity and irresponsibility of the act."

Prime Minister Selim Al Hoss described the clashes as a tragedy engineered by criminals. Mr. Suleiman Franjeh was president of Lebanon when the country was plunged into civil war three years ago. He is regarded as a godfather figure in the wild mountain region his family has controlled for centuries to the north of Beirut. His enemies maintain that he personally shot dead more than a dozen people earlier in his career, some in a mountain church where he was attending a service ostensibly meant to seal a peace treaty with a rival clan. Both Suleiman Franjeh and his son have also been accused of enriching themselves corruptly when the father was president and Tony was minister of communications in his government. Like most of Lebanon's traditional semi-feudal leaders, Christian and Moslem, Mr. Franjeh commands an army of hundreds of heavily armed men. If he seeks revenge for his son's death at the hands of the Phalangists, who are led by the influential Gemayel family, north Lebanon's desolate mountains dotted with olive groves could become a battleground. Sources close to Franjeh said he vowed to avenge his son after Tony's body was brought to Zghorta from Ihden. Thousands of his followers poured into the town, shouting their demands for revenge and firing volleys of gunfire into the air. "The massacre... shall be avenged by a war unto death," the silver-haired ex-president told them.



File photo of Tony Franjeh



Majesty King Hussein during his meeting with University of Jordan teaching staff in Amman Tuesday. Flanking King Hussein from left to right are: Sen. Ahmad Tougan, member of the House of Parliament; Dr. Nasereldin Al Assad, President of the University of Jordan; a Minister Mudar Badran; and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zeid. (JNA photo)

King meets university teachers

AMMAN, June 13 (JNA). — Majesty King Hussein has that the Arab World is in need for building up its strength in order to be able to achieve its national goals in recovering the occupied lands for their legitimate owners who should determine their future by themselves that just and bonourable peace be attained. a King was speaking in a dialogue between him and teaching staff of the University of Jordan at the University.

Our Arab homeland will be able to face the challenges it can exploit its human and material capabilities building up its own power. His Majesty said. King Hussein went on to say "we are passing through a phase of the history of nation. Challenges are facing the Arab individual, are facing his present and future and trying to blot out his nationality, his past and his life. This, regrettably, is caused by disintegration and weakness which afflict our Arab Nation and which gives the enemies the opportunities to exploit the situation in such a way as to threaten the Arab human being."

King Hussein continued: "In all our discussions and contacts with our Arab brethren we resort to reason, and rejection of despair. We are doing our utmost for retrieving our rights and determining the future of our generations. Our cause is a just cause; what is just shall always triumph." The Arab cause goes beyond persons, regimes and all other superficial considerations; it is the cause of the future of the Arab Nation, the King said. Answering questions King Hussein said the present conditions are the result of Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Jordan's acceptance of the Rabat Arab summit resolutions which preclude holding parliamentary election at present. This situation required from us to set up the National Consultative Council so that it helps the government in debating and studying the laws. "When the present circumstances come to an end, we shall return to full parliamentary life," His Majesty said. On the question of liberty, the King said "Liberty goes side by side with responsibility. The Jordanian government has always been, and is still, keen on maintaining a climate of freedom with due consideration for stability and prevention of disunity and discord."

Earlier, the President of the University of Jordan, Dr. Nasereldin Al Assad, in a speech welcomed His Majesty the King and thanked him in the name of the university for this meeting which symbolises the spirit of democracy and leads to intellectual interaction between the head of state and the society's elite. Dr. Al Assad also offered to the King, in his name and on behalf of the university's staff and students, their heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of the forthcoming royal wedding. King Hussein earlier this morning laid the foundation stone of two new projects for the University of Jordan — the hospital and the Engineering Faculty building whose overall cost amounts to JD one million.

Israeli troops hand over to rightists

MEISS AL JABAL, South Lebanon, June 13 (R). — Israel withdrew the last of its forces from south Lebanon today and handed over control of the border zone to Lebanese rightist militias. Hauling down their flags, the Israelis piled into trucks and armoured carriers and moved back across the frontier — just three months after an invasion launched to root out Palestinian guerrilla bases. They left behind a problem over the future role of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), which until a few days ago had been expected to take over border areas vacated by Israel. Israeli spokesman said that only a few areas had UNIFIL troops taken over positions evacuated by Israel today. At the main handover ceremony in this Shi'ite Moslem village U.N. forces were nowhere to be seen, except for two Irish soldiers driving through the district. The commander of the Phalangist rightist militiamen, Maj. Sa'd Haddad, said in a speech at the ceremony: "Thanks to Israeli assistance this whole area is now clear of terrorists and ruled by Lebanese."

Maj. Haddad expressed hope that UNIFIL could keep south Lebanon free of Palestinian guerrillas. "Otherwise," he said, "we hope the Israeli forces will interfere again." Maj. Haddad told reporters that rightwing forces had been handed control of a border strip running from the Mediterranean in the west to the slopes of Mount Hermon in the east. Agreement on this, Maj. Haddad said, had been reached yesterday with Gen. Emmanuelle Erskine, Commander of UNIFIL troops. But a U.N. spokesman in Jerusalem, Jacques da Silva, told reporters: "According to Security Council Resolution 425 (the U.N. edict that gave UNIFIL its peace-keeping mandate) on of the security of the region should be undertaken by the regional states... (and) expressed their disapproval of any foreign interference in regional issues." It added, "Gulf states have been discussing informally prospects of a regional security pact, but the communiqué made no specific mention of any further moves to this end. Reviewing changes in the Middle East, the two rulers called for continued "positive and universal efforts to establish a just and lasting peace in the region on the basis of the U.N. resolutions and by observing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

The Shah accepted an invitation to visit Bahrain at a date to be fixed, the communiqué said. They believed that "the responsibility for the preservation of the security of the region should be undertaken by the regional states... (and) expressed their disapproval of any foreign interference in regional issues." It added, "Gulf states have been discussing informally prospects of a regional security pact, but the communiqué made no specific mention of any further moves to this end. Reviewing changes in the Middle East, the two rulers called for continued "positive and universal efforts to establish a just and lasting peace in the region on the basis of the U.N. resolutions and by observing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

Gen. Ben Gal and Maj. Haddad embraced after the ceremony "I wish all the best to our friends," the Israeli general said. Maj. Haddad told reporters U.N. troops would be allowed to patrol in Christian strongholds such as the town of Marjayoun, his headquarters. At other villages close to the border, correspondents being conducted around by Israeli officers saw Phalangist armoured cars taking up posts near U.N. positions. Phalangist gunmen at roadblocks insisted on examining documents of U.N. troops passing by. The only place where Israeli forces were seen to hand over to UNIFIL was at the village of Zayit. An Irish contingent took over there. Maj. Haddad said the "good fence" crossing point between Israel and south Lebanon would remain open. For some time this has been one of the main points through which Israel has kept rightist forces supplied. The Palestine Liberation declined to comment on the Israeli withdrawal today.

Prince Hassan graduates police cadets from Gulf

AMMAN, June 13 (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan today sponsored the graduation ceremony of the sixth batch of Arabian Gulf police cadets at the Royal Police Academy here. Prince Hassan addressed the graduates saying that he was very happy to meet them in their second home, Jordan, where they spent one year of training after which they will go back to their countries to take up security responsibilities.

He went to say that what Jordan offers to the brothers in the Arabian Gulf is dictated by the Great Arab Revolution which is the symbol of Jordan's modern renaissance. He thanked the officials at the academy for their efforts in training the police cadets. His Highness then distributed gifts to those who excelled in their studies. Public Security Director Maj. Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat distributed the certificates to the 82 police cadets who had been instructed for a year in scientific and theoretical police and military subjects, physical training, law and education. Mr. Arabiyat told reporters that Jordan is always ready to welcome police cadets from the Arab World to be trained at Jordanian institutes.

World News Roundup ...

Friends of Sibal killers threaten

ISIA, June 13 (R). — A government spokesman today reported that the Cypriot High Commission in London had received threats of retaliation if the killers of Egyptian journalist Youssef Sibal were executed. The spokesman said the anonymous caller last April had warned the high commission building would be blown up if the executions were carried out. Two Arab nationals, Samir Mohammad Khaddar and Hussein Ali, were sentenced to death for killing Mr. Sibal, a friend of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, at a hotel in Cairo on Feb. 18. The execution has been fixed for June 27.

Ceausescu begins visit to Britain

LONDON, June 13 (AP). — Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his politically active wife Elena rode in open-carriage splendour to Buckingham Palace today to begin the first-ever state visit to Britain by this communist leader. Mr. Ceausescu and his wife arrived at Gatwick Airport 20 miles south of London from Bucharest and were greeted by the Duke and Duchess of Kent. A 21-gun salute boomed out a lunch-hour greeting from the Tower of London and Hyde Park, and echoed throughout central London. A band of Grenadier Guards played the visitors' national anthem.

Somalis accuse Ethiopians of massacre

ADISHU, June 13 (R). — Somali guerrillas said Ethiopian army killed 156 civilians in a reprisal massacre after Somali guerrillas inflicted heavy losses on them in a battle in the desert last week. A guerrilla movement bulletin, Danab, shed in Mogadishu today, said women and children were among those killed at Heragel village near the big Ethiopian base at Jijiga. Yesterday, Danab reported 444 Ethiopian soldiers killed in a battle close to Jijiga. Today it said the civilians were rounded up and killed "in retaliation for the heavy losses inflicted on the Ethiopian troops by the commandos of Western Somalia Liberation Front (WSLF)."

Kuwait, Soviet Union differ over Eritrea

KUWAIT, June 13 (R). — Kuwait and the Soviet Union differ over whether the people of Eritrea should have the right to determine whether they wished to remain within Ethiopia. Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah said here today. The minister said he had asked the Soviet government to put pressure on Ethiopia in order to obtain the right of self-determination for the Eritreans. The Soviet charge d'affaires brought him the answer today which showed that Kuwait and the Soviet Union disagreed about the subject, Sheikh Sabah told reporters. He said he had asked the Soviet diplomat to convey a second message on the subject to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Egyptian press conditions to be discussed

MASCUS, June 13 (R). — The Union of Arab Journalists will hold an urgent meeting in Beirut on June 20 to discuss the status of press freedom, following a clamp-down by President Anwar Sadat on political and press critics. This was announced here today by the President of the Lebanese Newspaper Owners Association, Riad Taha, following a meeting with the President of the Syrian Press Union, Sabar Falhout and contacts with the heads of other Arab press unions.

New Egyptian oil discovery

CAIRO, June 13 (R). — A new oil well has been discovered in the eastern desert and preliminary survey estimated its output at 1,000 barrels a day, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported today. MENA said the well was discovered by the Japanese-Egyptian Petroleum Development Company (EPEDECO) at Bakr Field, on the Red Sea coast, where oil was struck 1,600 metres deep. EPEDECO has been exploring oil in the area for the past three years and its contract with Egypt stipulated that 85 per cent of any oil find goes to the Egyptian Petroleum Organisation and 15 per cent to the Japanese firm.

Shah, emir of Bahrain call for Gulf security

TEHRAN, June 13 (R). — The rulers of Iran and Bahrain today called on Gulf states to take responsibility for regional security, and spoke out against any foreign interference in the oil-rich Gulf area. The joint stand was taken in a communiqué issued after a four-day state visit here by the Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa, during which the two countries signed a cultural cooperation agreement. Sheikh Isa and the Shah of Iran expressed their full satisfaction with development of bilateral relations "and also over the strengthening of the basis of security in the region," the communiqué said. They believed that "the responsibility for the preservation of the security of the region should be undertaken by the regional states... (and) expressed their disapproval of any foreign interference in regional issues." It added, "Gulf states have been discussing informally prospects of a regional security pact, but the communiqué made no specific mention of any further moves to this end. Reviewing changes in the Middle East, the two rulers called for continued "positive and universal efforts to establish a just and lasting peace in the region on the basis of the U.N. resolutions and by observing the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

Yadin: Israel won't accept Sadat demands

LONDON, June 13 (R). — Israeli Deputy Prime Minister Yigael Yadin today criticised Egypt's President Anwar Sadat for setting a two-month deadline for the success of his peace initiative. "I think it would be naive to think one can solve such a conflict, like a sort of instant coffee solution within a month or two months... I think he (Sadat) made a mistake by setting these dates," Prof. Yadin said. In an interview with British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) disc jockey Jimmy Young, broadcast from Jerusalem, Mr. Yadin said "now as for (Israel) being intransigent or not, frankly it's his opinion and I'm sorry about that too. "When Sadat was in Jerusalem, in the Knesset, he said he was ready to make peace provided Israel would go back to 1967 (borders), would give back half of Jerusalem and would create a Palestinian state. "We thought at the time this was a bargaining statement because he knew that Israel, and I would say the majority of the people of Israel, would never agree to that," said Prof. Yadin. Mr. Yadin said his government had hoped that the president would have known even before coming to Jerusalem that Israel would never have yielded to his maximum demands.

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Reserve a room at the Waldorf

The annual review of American policy in the Middle East that U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Harold Saunders gave this week to a House of Representatives International Affairs subcommittee makes us feel both encouraged and discouraged, because he has focussed on the Israeli reluctance to withdraw from occupied Arab territory as the great obstacle to peace, while he has simultaneously reiterated the American attitude that now strikes many of us in the Middle East as being characterised by an overwhelming sense of inertia.

It is probably wrong to expect any dramatic happening in the coming months, and we suggested several weeks ago that one probably has to wait at least six months for the Israelis to snap out of their current self-induced political confusion. There is no clear Israeli policy today and there will not be one for a very long time. It is also a fact that the United States is paying more attention to events in the Horn of Africa and southern Africa, and the Middle East problem therefore gets second priority in Washington, which means -- according to the political dictum that when the cat's away the mice will play -- that the Israelis will run around making things more confusing and more complex.

The possibility is now being raised again of the Americans putting forward their own suggestions on a Middle-East peace-plan, an event that we predict will probably be greeted by a great deal of Israeli kicking and screaming. Will Mr. Dayan then again summon President Carter to the Waldorf Astoria hotel and keep him up half the night hammering out another joint American-Israeli working paper? We are rather dubious of more paper proposals.

The fact remains -- as it has for over 30 years -- that Israel will come to its senses only when it is forced to do so by the circumstances of politics, guns and economics. In all three areas, there are no compelling reasons for the Israelis to do anything different from what they are doing today, a fact that makes the American inertia all the more glaring, and the Arab disarray all the more regrettable.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Al Ra'i and Al Dustur Tuesday dealt with "games" that Israel is playing in south Lebanon and its evasiveness on the question of Mideast peace.

AL RA'I says Tuesday was the deadline for withdrawal of the Israeli occupying forces from south Lebanon. On Monday Israel pulled back the bulk of its forces from the south, after handing over positions to the commander of the Lebanese rightist militia in Marjoun, Major Sa'd Haddad, leaving the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) to tackle the problem with Major Haddad "who has newly armed himself with 50 tanks and armoured vehicles, and 20 field guns."

The newspaper says that while this "game" was played before an amazed Arab public opinion, the Israeli government -- after a five-hour session -- postponed taking a decision on the American government's questions on the pretext that several ministers were unable as yet to state their views on the matter.

Describing these developments as a comedy that has been repeated in the Middle East crisis, the newspaper charges that "those who carried and are carrying Israeli weapons to kill their own compatriots should be punished as a deterrent for others so that they will serve as an example for anyone else who might be tempted to sell his country and his people for 30 Jewish pieces of silver."

AL DUSTOUR says Israel is intentionally wasting time (four weeks to date) by deferring its answer to two crucial American questions on the future of the West Bank and Gaza strip following the proposed five-year period of self-rule. Israel will probably continue to waste time under various guises, excuses and ploys in order not to answer the American questions, the paper adds.

Such tactics clearly indicate that Israel's intention is to dodge the issue and prevaricate until it finds a way out of the impasse by creating new incidents that overshadow and abort the original causes of the impasse, the newspaper says.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibit

"Britain and the World of Islam" is the theme of an exhibition starting at the British Council. On display are 27 pictures, photographs, posters, records and films from the World of Islam Festival which was held in Britain in 1976, plus over 400 British books on the Middle East. Open till Saturday 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily.

Exhibit Films

The films from the World of Islam Festival exhibition will be screened at the British Council tonight and tomorrow in the garden at 8:15 p.m.

Lecture

The Friends of Archaeology present a lecture by Prof. Philip King of the American Schools of Oriental Research. The lecture takes place this evening at the Haya Arts Centre at 6:30 p.m.

British Council exhibition offers glimpse of World of Islam Festival

By Ian Kellas
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, June 14 — What is a darabuka (durbakkeh), a daf or a nay? What for that matter is an 'ud? The answer, as you could discover this fortnight at the British Council, is that they are all musical instruments from the Islamic World.

The council is showing photos of these -- or other equally exotic bits of musical apparatus -- as part of its current World of Islam exhibition.

It is really an exhibition of an exhibition. So you will be disappointed if you go expecting to see original treasures. But for those who missed the famous World of Islam Festival that was staged in Britain a couple of years ago, this modest display of photos and books is some sort of a compensation.

The 1976 festival itself centred around a remarkable exhibition of books of the Koran which was put on at the British Library. But it spread out to cover more or less every aspect of Islamic culture. Fifteen major exhibitions were staged and the whole thing made quite a splash in Britain at the time.

The ripples have now reached Amman with a touring show centring around an exhibition of musical instruments originally staged at the Horniman Museum.

As you look at the photos and reproductions at the council, you can listen to a tape explaining how music and instruments from Central Asia to Turkey were drawn together in the world's great cultural centres at Medina, Damascus and Baghdad during the golden age of Islam (from the eighth to the tenth centuries), and there met with the revived traditions of Greek music to produce Arab classical music.

But less formal folk music is also featured and there are photos of everything from the Zummara, a pipe from Islamic India which is apparently made of eagles' legs, to a bedouin pounding his coffee with that special rhythm.

Tapes and records of Arabic music are on sale and some of these apparently feature pieces from Jordan.

Besides the music, there is a rather abbreviated display entitled Prayer and Mosque which attempts to explain much too briefly and leaves one confused about the vertical and horizontal axes around which mosques are apparently built.

Fascination for Islamic things is not, it seems, a recent British fad. One section of the exhibition celebrates 700 years of oriental scholarship in England, starting with Adelard of Bath who was translating Arabic works into Latin in the twelfth century.

Among a string of eccentric one who is featured, is the rather little-known Edward Henry Palmer (1840-82) who was professor of Arabic at Cambridge but also, it seems, a mesmerist, conjurer, draughtsman, journalist and explorer. His history of Jerusalem was

the first in English to tell the story of the city from the Moslem point of view.

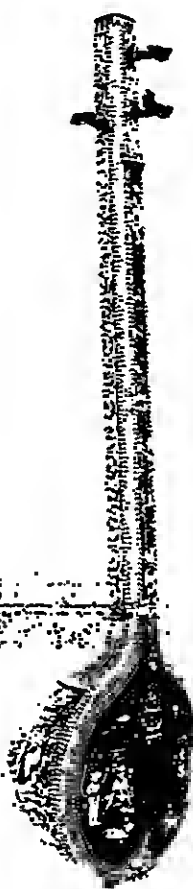
The very first book printed in England -- "The Dicts and Sayings of the Philosophers" of 1477 -- was based on an 11th century Arabic work by Amir Mubashshir. Five hundred years later British publishers are still turning out books with a Middle Eastern theme, and about 400 of those in print are displayed as part of the exhibition.

There is a wide range on show -- from a volume entitled "Water Rights and Irrigation Practices in Lahj," to Wilfred Thesiger's best-selling "Arabian Sands". And there are some juicy picture books about the Islamic World, which were produced specially for the festival. The books are not for sale but they can all be ordered from bookshops in Amman and the exhibition provides an excellent opportunity to browse.

The show will go on until Saturday June 24. Something probably worth seeing are the films which the council is running as part of its mini-festival on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of both weeks at 8.15 p.m. They are short films produced by the BBC in a series called the Heritage of Islam.



Playing the hornpipe zamr. Foum el Aencun, Morocco.



Tambura, 19th century, beautifully painted instrument; the four open strings provide a drone. North India.

EXPLORATIONS



The fiddle of this 13th century Spanish manuscript shows the influence of Islamic fiddles such as the kemence on European music of that time.



Bedouin playing the rabab. Jordan.

Active summer programme at Haya Centre

AMMAN — As part of the many activities offered to the public during the coming summer months at the Haya Arts Centre, an educational exhibition was opened at the centre Monday.

The exhibition, organised by the Teachers College, has a decidedly Jordanian flavour and includes models of typical houses, styles (including bedouin tents), animals native to Jordan and many other visual aids and teaching devices used in schools in Jordan. The exhibition was opened by Her Highness Princess Basma and will run until Thursday.

Following is a list of other activities at the Haya Arts Centre through July:

Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 p.m.: The head of the American School of Oriental Research (ASOR), Prof. Philip King will give a lecture entitled "ASOR -- its history and future".
 Thursday, June 15, 4:30 p.m.: A musical programme featuring the "Roots" will be given in the Haya Public Park on the occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's wedding -- everyone's invited to the celebration.
 Friday, June 16, 4:30 p.m.: Folk music programme performed by Haya Art Centre Children's Chorus (Rusella to be held in the Haya Public Park).
 Wednesday and Thursday, June 28 and 29, 6:30 p.m.: A musical programme featuring "The Canaan Group". Tickets 300 fls.
 Monday and Wednesday, July 3 and 5, 5:00 p.m.: Music programme starring "Roots". Tickets 300 fls.

Summer programme

A daily schedule of classes designed to bring out the best in children's talents, is offered in the summer programme at the Haya Arts Centre. The morning and afternoon classes have the advantage to the busy mother of getting the children out of the house so she can work in peace and quietly talented, are bilingual -- English and Arabic. The children's library opens daily from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., but the office closes at 5:30 p.m. The programme listed below will continue the whole of the summer vacation except for a brief period from August 18 to September.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITIES
Saturday	10:00 — 12:00	Art, General
	16:00 — 18:00	Collage, Drawing
Sunday	10:00 — 12:00	Art, General
	16:00 — 18:00	Acting
Monday	10:00 — 12:00	Photography
	16:00 — 18:00	Games
Tuesday	10:00 — 12:00	Art, Drawing, Collage
	16:00 — 18:00	Folk Dance
Wednesday	10:00 — 12:00	Handcrafts, Macramé
	16:00 — 18:00	Art, General
Thursday	10:00 — 12:00	Sculpture
	16:00 — 18:00	Brownies
Friday	10:00 — 12:00	Pottery
	16:00 — 18:00	Wax
Saturday	10:00 — 12:00	Games
	16:00 — 18:00	Art, General
Sunday	10:00 — 12:00	Art, Drawing
	16:00 — 18:00	Story Telling
Monday	10:00 — 12:00	Collage, Drawing
	16:00 — 18:00	Sculpture
Tuesday	10:00 — 12:00	Scouts
	16:00 — 18:00	Pottery
Wednesday	10:00 — 12:00	Batic
	16:00 — 18:00	Music
Thursday	10:00 — 12:00	Singing
	16:00 — 18:00	Games
Friday	10:00 — 12:00	Art
	16:00 — 18:00	Drawing
Saturday	10:00 — 12:00	Collage, Drawing
	16:00 — 18:00	Sculpture
Sunday	10:00 — 12:00	Acting
	16:00 — 18:00	Pottery
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	16:00 — 18:00	Art
Tuesday	10:00 — 12:00	Printing
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Friday	10:00 — 12:00	Sculpture
	16:00 — 18:00	Handcrafts
Saturday	10:00 — 12:00	Art
	16:00 — 18:00	Printing
Sunday	10:00 — 12:00	Girl Scouts
	16:00 — 18:00	Acting
Monday	10:00 — 12:00	Arabic Calligraphy
	16:00 — 18:00	

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Bravo for the thoughtful, sympathetic editorial you gave us in your Sunday edition. Unfortunately, the only way to ban these Buxum Belles is to do it officially, and I am sure this government doesn't want to find itself telling the shopkeepers what kinds of advertisements they can put in their shops. That smacks a little of an undemocratic government so we must come up with another solution.

Of course, it is inappropriate for this culture to adopt the salesmanship of General Motors, or Sony, but can you offer an alternative, and offer it right now, so as to override the influences of General Motors or Sony?

This is just one more unfortunate example of cultures in the process of mixing, but I really believe that the good will be absorbed as well as the bad, and only time will allow people to sift through all the possibilities of another culture, and choose whatever they want to add to their way of life. It is unthinkable to ban television, radio, movies, and communications with others, and that would be the only way to keep the Glamorous Gerties out of the picture.

Now it is not a matter of banning these advertisements it is a matter of the people learning to put them in their proper perspective, hopefully, as an example of the negative influences of outside cultures, and in the process of putting them aside, come to a healthier view of woman, not to be used as sex symbols for sales, or, from the other side, as female men, but as women, with their own way of seeing life, with their own capabilities, as intelligent beings, the balance of men in this world, and together, with a balanced oneness, men and women will bring the balance this world deeply needs.

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PEOPLE & PLACES

By John Bonar



PEOPLE

ing the family out for a day or week... be troublesome if you don't have a... of planning and organization. Some... haspales at the border or that monotonous... down to Agaba with the kids scream... your ear just seem to make it a heck... better idea to postpone this "pleas... until next week, month... year?

It intent on making it easier for dads... and kids too, the Shepherd Tours and... newly opened East Bank branch is... a series of packaged bus tours next... For a start, Internal Tours Manager Zou... is planning two-day trips with an... stop in Agaba and Damascus.

Damascus trip sounds really promising... shopping trip, night club and lunch in the... all thrown in. It picks up where the... IT tours left off, as well it might since... was formerly internal tours mana... them.

The Agaba trip is another steal at JD 12... ng transport, full board at the Holiday... a disco thrown in.

h tours leave Thursday midday from... the old Insurance Building on First... Jabel Amman (Alia's head office) and... Friday evening.

company is also working on launching... to Petra, Dibbean and Agaba (Fridays... indays).

h the hot summer weather coming it... be nice to drive around the countryside... conditioned coaches and leave all the... sing to someone else.

a name like that, he ought

be on television!

inding up an extensive tour of Jordan... (pronounced, he tells me with a straight... 'shell') Gjoeten Rest, recently appointed... East Correspondent for Norwegian Bro... ing Corporation. Although this was his... life in Jordan, Mr. Rest was more than... tently guided through the ministries, go...

vernment departments, famous and not so fa... mous tourist sites by veteran visitor to Jordan... producer/cameraman Peter Sturken and his at... tractive wife Christine.

Mr. Sturken, who was a regular and fre... quent visitor to Jordan while working as came... ran for the American Broadcasting Compa... ny's Middle East Bureau in Beirut in the early... 1970's is now a freelance producer-cameraman... based in Cairo and under contract to Scandin... vian television. In recent years he has produc... ed a number of independent films, including a... film on Jerusalem called "Prophets and Pa... ratroopers" and an evocative film on the destruc... tion of Quseira called "Death of a City."

Mr. Sturken is now a leading member of... Hollywood Associates, a professional film ma... king group oriented to Middle Eastern clients... The principals in the Hollywood Associates ha... ve a combined Middle East background of over... twenty years in the art of communicating throu... gh film. Another old "Jordan hand" in the... group is the Hollywood based Michael Carr... who spent a number of years in Amman at the... turn of the last decade heading the RTV train... ing programme for Jordanian Television film... editors and other technicians.

Mr. Rest and the Sturkens are now all... based in Cairo. The result of their tour, from... the north to the south, has been a number of short... "news-type" films and a documentary on Jor... dan giving an overall picture of life in the... country, which Mr. Rest believes is the first... for at least a long time -- on Norwegian TV... about Jordan.

What, a mezza?

If you think the Jordanian mezza (oriental... hors d'oeuvre) you are served at Abu Ahmad's... and Istanbul is something, just wait till you... try the real, genuine and rarely-seen-in-Amman... Lebanese mezza that waits you at Gardens, a... new motel, restaurant, nightclub and children's... play garden complex that has recently opened... its doors to the public.

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UNRWA will move head offices to Amman, Vienna

AMMAN, June 13 (Agencies) — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) has decided to move its headquarters from Beirut to Amman and Vienna, UNRWA Commissioner General Thomas W. McElhinney confirmed today.

A statement by the commissioner general distributed by UNRWA here said that part of the headquarters, including his personal office would be transferred to Vienna while other parts, including the UNRWA/UNESCO educational programme would be transferred to Amman.

Mr. McElhinney also said that talks were under way with the Jordanian authorities of the facilities needed for the transfer. The Austrian government had expressed readiness to provide free the offices needed, he added.

But the commissioner general stressed that the transfer would not affect the services extended by UNRWA to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. "The services will continue to be extended through the local regional office," he said.

UNRWA transferred its offices to both Amman and Vienna in 1976 because of Lebanon's civil war. It only returned to the Lebanese capital last November.

No official reason was given for the new decision to move again from Beirut but the statement said the move was decided "in order to maintain effective management of the agency's operations throughout the area."

A limited number of headquarters staff will be transferred to Vienna immediately, with the remainder to follow in about six weeks. Those being reassigned to Amman will move when the arrangements have been completed, the statement added.

Saudi minister ends visit

AMMAN, June 13 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia's Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed Ibn Abdul Aziz left here for home today after a four-day official visit to Jordan.

Before his departure he paid tribute to relations between Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Prince Majed added that he had acquainted himself during his stay here with Jordan's development especially the activities of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, which he considered "exemplary and reflect the progress in the country."

He also visited the Jordan Valley and inspected the King Hussein Medical Centre and several armed forces units.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian Rs	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	310.00/312.00
U.K. sterling	570.00/574.00
W. German mark	149.00/149.90
Swiss franc	164.10/165.10
French franc	67.50/67.90
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.00/36.20
Japanese yen (for every 100)	142.70/143.60
Dutch guilder	138.80/139.60
Belgian franc (for every ten)	95.00/95.60
Swedish crown	67.10/67.50

Econoscope

By Jawad Ahmad

The International Labour Compensatory Facility I

In his speech to the ILO (International Labour Organisation), His Highness Prince Hassan became the first to raise the idea of labour compensation on a political level. According to the June 1977 speech, labour-importing countries were gaining at the expense of labour-exporting countries. Such an unbalanced situation must be corrected by compensating the losing countries.

One of the means to settle the compensation issue is to create an international labour facility, or the ILCF (International Labour Compensatory Facility).

"The ILCF... would draw its resources principally from labour importing countries, but in a spirit of solidarity and goodwill, other ILO members may contribute to it. The accumulated resources will be diverted to developing labour-exporting countries in proportions relative to the estimated cost incurred due to the loss of labour."

The above quotation summarises the sources and one of the uses of the funds that could accrue to the facility. Yet, Prince Hassan was aware that the contributions and disbursement of these contributions must be in accordance with a set of acceptable formulae. "I am certain," he said, "that if the will to carry out this proposal exists, a set of operational formulae could be found to facilitate (the facility's) performance."

The uses of the funds are basically justified as compensation for the loss of the training and overall education of migrating labour. However, the fund paid out in compensation may be used for purposes that would help develop-

ing countries solve the migration problem and its ill-effects.

For instance, the funds can be used to finance studies on the living and work conditions of migrant workers. Such studies would "help in the articulation and implementation of global policies and standards."

Moreover, these funds can be used as a source of soft loans to "participating developing countries for the purpose of promoting and financing social projects." These social projects, although necessary to curb migration, find it difficult to attract loans because their feasibility is not readily demonstrable.

Another use may be to promote and facilitate the transformation of technological information and the creation of indigenous technologies in developing countries.

The above points clarify to some degree of accuracy what Prince Hassan had in mind when he proposed the creation of the ILCF. The idea had instant appeal for many countries. As a result, Jordan and some other Third World countries pooled their efforts and managed to get a unanimous U.N. General Assembly resolution six months after the ILO speech. The resolution called for an in-depth study of the brain-drain problem, and working out a solution to the problem particularly within the context of the ILCF.

Yet certain developed countries still object to the idea of compensation, basically because it involves the transfer of funds from them to developing countries. Yet, in the world of diplomacy, things are not put so bluntly. In next week's column, a summary of these objections will be presented, with the rebuttals to them.

Group of consultants chosen for Hijaz Railway feasibility studies

DAMASCUS, June 13 (Agencies) — The Jordanian and Syrian ministers of transport and Saudi Arabia's minister of communications today ended a round of discussions on reopening the Hijaz Railway line.

Speaking to reporters at the end of today's meeting, the minister said they wanted to speed up procedures for reopening the line, especially the feasibility studies for the project.

Project committees have agreed on the project group of qualified consultants which will submit feasibility studies within three months.

The Jordanian and Saudi ministers also visited Syria's Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Al Halabi to discuss the Hijaz Railway. They also reviewed bilateral relations and joint projects.

The Hijaz Railway was made famous by the First Wor-

ld War raids on it by Arab forces led by Lawrence of Arabia.

Built in 1908, the 1,300-kilometre line had been largely destroyed by 1917 as the result of attacks on it by Arab forces and by allied bombing raids.

Attempts to reactivate the line which stretched from Damascus through Jordan to Medina in Saudi Arabia, have so far faltered because of the high cost involved.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	Par value	Volume traded	Last buying offer	Last selling offer	Closing price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	7,124	—	6.850	6.850
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1,000	366	2.250	—	2.250
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	1,112	16.600	—	16.600
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	115	1.150	—	1.150
* Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1,020	1.800	—	1.800
* Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	1,014	—	1.200	1.150
** Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	160	1.850	1.900	1.850
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1,163	1.350	1.400	1.400
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	665	0.950	1.000	0.950
Paper & Cardboard Factories	JD 1,000	1,157	2.400	—	2.400
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	250	—	8.400	8.350
Jordan Lime and Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	215	4.200	—	4.300
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	1,160	1.450	1.500	1.500
The Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	85	0.850	0.900	0.850
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	675	—	—	4.500

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ose firms which are prequalified for construction of e 2nd Education Project No. 534 are kindly requested collect the tender documents for this project which e available during working hours at the Implementation st, Ministry of Education upon payment of set fees.

On behalf of the Minister of Education Dr. A. Arabiat

Today's World Football Cup matches on JTV

19:35 Germany v.s. Italy

22:35 Brazil v.s. Peru

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	10:15 Arabic programme
8:30 Cinema	11:15 News in Arabic
8:45 Cinema	
8:50 Paradise Family	
8:55 Studio 5	
7:30 Theblita	
Channel 3:	
9:30 Comedy series	7:15 News in Hebrew
7:30 Arabic programme	7:35 World Cup Football
8:00 News in Arabic	Germany & Italy
8:30 Arabic series	
9:30 T.V. magazine	10:00 News in English
	10:15 World Cup Football
	Brazil & Peru

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign-on	14:00 News Bulletin
7:30 Morning Show	14:10 Music
7:30 News Bulletin	14:30 Music
7:40 Morning Show	15:00 Concert Hour
10:00 News Headlines	16:00 Pop Session
10:00 Morning Show	17:00 30 Minutes of Jazz
10:20 Kalle and Diana	17:30 Pop Session
11:00 Sign-on	18:00 News Summary
12:00 Sign-on and News Head-	18:45 Jordan in History
lines	18:50 Story Time
12:05 Pop Session	18:50 News Bulletin
12:00 News Summary	19:10 News Reports
12:05 Pop Session	19:30 Sign-off

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Shabab (21081)
Amman:	Raza (25065)
Awarat Al Hal (25060)	Pharmacies:
Sussex Apt (2722)	Shabab (21081)
Idlib (2400)	University (44594)
Zaki Zaidi (2001)	Chamra (74957)
Zargat (22580)	Al Shogbi (22580)
Parat Agahat	Idlib:
Taxis:	Palatina
Awarat (22238)	Zargat
Khalid (27115)	Hawood

RBC RADIO

10:00 News: 24 Hours	16:00 Radio Newswest
05:30 Sarah Ward	18:15 News: Commentary
05:45 World Today	18:15 Talking about Music
06:00 News: Press Review	18:45 World Today
06:30 Jazz for the Askins	17:00 News: Book Choice
07:00 News: 24 Hours	17:15 Discovery
07:30 Sarah Ward	17:45 Sports Round-up
07:45 Report on Religion	18:00 News: News about Bt-
08:00 News: Religion	tain
08:15 World Radio Club	18:15 Radio Newswest
08:30 Music for the Press	18:30 Top Twenty
08:50 News: Press Review	18:50 Outlook: News Sum-
09:15 World Today	mary
09:30 Financial News	19:29 Stock Market
09:45 Pop Session	19:45 Music from Scotland
10:00 Talkshow	20:00 News: 24 Hours
10:15 Wimbledon Report	20:15 Commentary
10:30 Command Programme	20:30 Allstar: Celtic's Music
11:00 News: News about Bt-	20:30
tain	21:00 Report on Religion
11:15 Women in a Man's	21:15 Wales and the Welsh
World	21:30 Serenade
11:30 Evening World	21:45 World Cup
12:00 Radio Newswest	22:00 News: World Today
12:15 Brain of Britain	22:25 Financial News
12:45 Sports Round-up	22:35 Book Choice: Relect-
12:50 News: 24 Hours	ous
13:00 World Radio Club	22:45 Sports Round-up
13:45 A Jolly Good Show	23:00 News: Commentary
14:30 The Ramsey World	23:30 World Radio Club
	23:50 Music USA (Quiz)
	00:00 GMT: News
	00:00

VOICE OF AMERICA

05:00 The Breaking Show	Works and their Stu-
News	ries. Feature: Short
on the hour and 28	Stories. News Summa-
to	ry.
08:30 after each hour:	18:30 Country Music USA
08:30 Regional and Topical	News and Topical Re-
08:45 Paperchase	ports
dia comments ... news	18:15 Letting Jews Liegman
analysis.	20:30 New York, New York
17:00 News	20:30 Special English. News/
17:15 This Week	Words and their Sto-
17:30 Press Conference USA	ries
18:00 Special English. News/	00:00 GMT: News
	00:00

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	Departures:
8:40 Doha, Kuwait	8:00 Agaba
8:50 Cairo (EA)	8:30 Beirut
8:50 Doha (AZ)	9:40 Beirut (MEA)
8:55 Doha, Kuwait (RJ-GF)	8:55 Cairo (EA)
9:45 Doha, Abu Dhabi (RJ-GF)	11:30 Baghdad
9:50 Agaba	11:15 Athens
10:00 Jeddah	12:00 Riyadh (SD)
10:00 Beirut	12:00 Athens
11:30 Larnaca (CY)	12:20 Larnaca (CY)
12:30 Kuwait (KAC)	13:30 London
12:30 Baghdad	13:30 Kuwait (KAC)
17:45 Athens	14:20 Cairo
18:15 Amsterdam, Brussels	15:20 Jeddah
Geneva	20:00 Cairo
18:20 Jeddah (SD)	20:30 Baghdad
19:30 Cairo	21:30 Abu Dhabi, Dubai
21:00 Beirut (MEA)	21:30 (RJ-GF)
22:15 Frankfurt, Munich Da-	21:30 Doha
mascus (LJ)	22:30 Kuwait
22:40 London (BA)	22:40 Ramat Hashan (BA)
01:00 Cairo	02:50 Doha (AZ)
02:00 Rome (AZ)	

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41390
British Council	32147-6
French Cultural Centre	37008
Geosie Institute	41893
Soviet Cultural Centre	42083
Haye Arts Centre	65195
Russian Youth City	67188
Y.W.C.A.	41783
Y.W.M.C.A.	62561
American Methodist Library	36111
University of Jordan Library	65111
Citadel Museum	36191
St. George's Museum	36191

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	24391-4
Fire headquarters	22580
First aid, fire, police	19
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36381-3
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najdah roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	21111, 37777
Airport information (Alia)	55205
Jordan Television	73111
Radio, English Section	74124

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Hama Theatre	Tel. 226-446
Al Shar's Art Gallery	228-337
American Centre	663-362
Arab Cultural Centre	333-725
Bulgarian Cultural Centre	667-601
British Cultural Centre	321-857
British Cultural Centre	321-857
French Cultural Centre	328-494
Kabool Theatre	222-416
National Museum	114-45
Soviet Cultural Centre	228-658
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-411
Ukrain Art Gallery	334-411
Zakariya Public Library	111-511

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 118-339
Chairman of Government	223-997
Electric Power Co. (emergency)	321-857
Fire headquarters	321-857
Information	321-857
Municipal water service	118-339
Time (in Arabic)	321-857

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INTRODUCES



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Housing in Jordan: 2

The need for cheaper, smaller housing units increases as Jordan's single, low and middle income sectors grow

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, — The "tap-tap" of the mason's chisel is a familiar sound in the "better" parts of Amman. But, however attractive it may be, you will not hear in it the answer to the housing problems which Jordan will face in future.

It would be alarmist to talk of a housing crisis in Jordan. But there can be little doubt that the type of housing that is built here will have to change if supply is to keep pace with rising demand.

Some of the people who built large, expensive houses at the time of the boom in 1976 had been getting rents, until recently, which would allow them to pay off the building costs within two years. Those sorts of rents have now come

This is the second in a three-part series on housing in Jordan. Today we look at the social factors affecting planning. Yesterday's article dealt with the growth of the housing industry and in tomorrow's issue we will discuss the financing of housing projects.

down. The price of labour and materials has gone up. So it is now no longer such a clever thing to build a big deluxe apartment to rent.

"We feel that the market is now overloaded with deluxe housing," Mr. Bassam Atari, Deputy Director General of the Housing Bank, told the Jordan Times.

But despite the deluxe-house-building spree, there is still an identifiable gap in the market that has not been plugged. There are more and more single people in Jordan, partly because the tendency is to mar-

ry later nowadays.

Some of these people are professional types who want good quality accommodation but do not want a five-bedroom house. There is almost certainly money to be made by providing flats in good areas for these sorts of people but no one seems to have done much about it yet.

A much more obvious need, however, is for cheap accommodation for low and medium-income groups. Opinion is divided among experts about whether the housing situation in this sector is actually deteriorating or getting better. But the problem certainly is not going to go away.

Government employees, who come mostly within the low and medium-income brackets, are certainly going to increase in numbers. One informed estimate is that the number of teachers will double over the next seven years.

The government has a stake in providing reasonable accommodation. It cannot afford to let working conditions in the public sector fall too far behind those in the private sector and the provision of attractive living conditions here is anyway part of a larger-scale strategy to persuade Jordanians not to depart to the Gulf and elsewhere.

It is another part of the government's large-scale strategy to encourage development outside Amman. Housing must be a part of this strategy. One contract has just been awarded for the construction of a brand new mini-town to house about 3,000 people in the barren wastes close to the shores of the Dead Sea. It will house the workers at the potash project.

The Housing Corporation, meanwhile, is building over 2,000 houses at Aqaba during the period of the five year plan. And among the other big projects that are being planned outside the Amman region, is the housing development of the Jordan Valley. The Jordan Valley Authority plan calls for the construction of 18,000 new units from 1975 to 1983.

Probably the biggest single project however is being planned for a site not far from Sweileh (the little satellite town just beyond the University of Jordan). Abu Nuseir, as the new site will be called, is to become a township housing around 40,000 people.

The obvious reason for choosing a site beyond the boundaries of the city is the price of land. But there are people who are critical of projects like this which tend to spread the urban population over a wider and wider area, complicating the business of supplying services and taking up scarce agricultural land.

The Amman Urban Region Planning Group is at the moment working on a study of housing, but its Director, Ghalib Biagassen told the Jordan Times that his group was already inclined to favour controls to dissuade people from building outside municipal boundaries. He pointed out that there are large amounts of land within city boundaries that are still not built on.

If the planners stick to that point of view and this becomes accepted policy for the future, then the only alternative would seem to be to build upwards. The cost of land -- mostly privately owned in the city -- makes it unfeasible to build spacious estates of villas.

At present the Housing Corporation does not build blocks higher than three storeys in order to avoid installing lifts.



Labour is an expensive factor in building, and tends to be rather unskilled. (Photos by Ian Kellas)

But whether this limit will survive for long is open to question.

It is of course to be hoped that social and aesthetic values will not be altogether forgotten in the rush to provide high-density, low-cost housing.

A distinguished Pakistani architect, Yasmin Lari, who visited the country recently, told the Jordan Times that it is essential in designing accommodation not to build "vertical slums" and not to forget how important the outdoor area is for people living in this part of the world. Mrs. Lari has herself designed a large housing project in Pakistan which meets density requirements cheaply -- but also provides courtyard areas that are as big as the houses themselves. She achieved this by joining together houses of one, two and three storeys so that the roof of one house acts as the terrace of another. Something like this might be suitable for Jordan.

The price of land makes high-density housing necessary but land is not the only expense. The prices of building materials and labour are also very high and there can be little hope that these are going to start coming down. Skilled builders are going to be in short supply as long as wages are so much higher in the Gulf.

So, in order to keep the cost

of housing within the reach of the less well-off, recourse must be had to labour-saving, cheap building techniques. These often in fact represent an improvement in quality, because mass-produced building elements are more easily erected and more easy to check for quality than conventional materials.

The Housing Corporation is already using a number of

pre-cast systems in its housing projects," Director General Hamdallah Nabulsi told the Jordan Times. One of these has been locally developed by the Jordanian contractors, Sabri Farah. The Royal Scientific Society is working on even cheaper, more lightweight systems. And there may, in future, be more of a market for prefabricated panels imported from

abroad. The Australians for one are interested in investigating this possibility.

In the final analysis, however, it is not just a question of what sort of housing to build. The housing has to be paid for. The question is whether the funds that fuelled the 1976 boom can be diverted to pay for the cheaper accommodation that is now needed.



Labour-saving building techniques must be introduced on a bigger scale in future.

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Note No. (2)

All quotations must be in Jordan dinars or US dollars, offers presented in any other currency will be rejected.

6. The latest date for submission of proposals to the Telecommunications Corporation Headquarters in Amman is: 14:00 hours, Thursday, September 14th, 1978.

7. The tender documents consist of one volume.

8. All bidders will be required to post a bid bond in the amount of JD 100000 issued from a Jordanian bank, concurrent with the proposal.

9. Any subsequent amendments will automatically be forwarded to purchasers of the tender documents.

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RIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Understand better what true position is with others and improve it by right words. Get business affairs in better order, also.

URUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Handle important duties, but be careful with details. Come to a better understanding with co-workers. Avoid one who is a known troublemaker.

EMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you use charm and diplomacy with others, you can easily gain your goals. Save restraint with those you like for a later time.

COON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Give more light to home, family and make everything at abode ming, harmonious. Do some entertaining, but first care of business matters.

IO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Visit with individuals who are a great deal to you and deepen relationships. Don't act correspondence as there are those who may be tending to hear from you.

RG (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study monetary affairs and how to improve them so that you need not feel lack of Discuss property improvement with experts for best results. Take it easy and rest.

IRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have much charm now should handle personal affairs well and get good results with others. See friends and be warm and affectionate and they will respond in kind.

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World Cup defending Mexico's president asks that world champions W. Germany spend less on weapons, more on food will meet with Italy

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, June 13 (R). — Defending champions West Germany and Italy, one of the sides most likely to steal their crown, clash here tomorrow in an intriguing contest between German efficiency and Latin flair.

West Germany, led by wily manager Helmut Schoen, can never be underestimated. They have yet to concede a goal but their form so far has been patchy and they are still struggling to find a settled line-up.

Italy, in contrast, have exploded into prominence despite lacklustre pre-competition form which led many of their countrymen to write them off, and are the most impressive total team seen so far.

Austria, surprise winners of Group Three, pose a serious threat to Holland when they open their second round World Cup programme here tomorrow (kickoff 16:45 GMT).

The Dutch were unrecognisable as the 1974 runners-up

when Scotland beat them 3-2 in Mendoza on Sunday and cost the Dutch top place in Group Four. It was Holland's first defeat in two years and could prove a significant one because they suffered injuries to two key players.

They will face the Austrians without John Neeskens, their mid-field dynamo, and the giant blond centre back Wim Rijseberg.

Brazil, who scraped through the first round of the World Cup, hope to shake off early jitters and convince fans that they can win the championship when they meet Peru here tomorrow.

The Brazilians only managed two goals from three games and meet the dashing Peruvians who, with seven first round goals, are the top scorers of the tournament so far.

Argentina have a World Cup score to settle with Poland here tomorrow (kick-off 22:15 GMT) and this time the odds are in their favour.

Four years ago Poland began an exhilarating World Cup run with a 3-2 victory over Argentina in West Germany.

But today those Polish stars look faded while Argentina's lively side has been full of pace and zest.

But a bad blow for Argentina is the likely absence of gifted striker Leopoldo Luque who dislocated an elbow in their victor over France a week ago.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, June 13 — President Jose Lopez Portillo asked the world yesterday to spend less on weapons and more on food to head off mass starvation, but said even that would not fully solve the problem.

"Disarmament is a solution for the powerful countries but not for the poor countries," he told the opening session of the United Nations World Food Council in Mexico City.

The world must decide "whether the problem of hunger is a problem of humanity as a whole or a problem only for those countries that suffer from hunger," the president said.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary

Bob Bergland and ministers and delegates from 35 other nations are attending the three-day meeting. The council was established by the United Nations Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organisation after droughts and falling production threatened a world food crisis in 1972.

After Mr. Lopez Portillo's speech, the United States joined Yugoslavia in presenting a draft resolution urging wealthy countries to increase aid to help poorer nations improve their agriculture.

It asks that "all countries urgently commit themselves to reach the official development assistance targets" of \$8.3 billion a year for food production with \$6.5 billion of that in outright grants.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, in a message from New York said, "since 1974, a succession of good harvests has led to a sense of complacency about the seriousness of the world food situation and the urgency of the need for action."

This fourth session of your council does not need to be reminded that an assurance of adequate world food supplies is a matter of life and death for

millions of human beings." Experts at a preliminary meeting submitted papers saying the world food situation has improved slightly but populations continue to increase and many areas — especially Africa — are still parched by prolonged droughts.

One paper said more than half a billion people are starving or suffering from severe malnutrition.

"There is again a serious food emergency in the Sahelian zone of Africa," it said. "Abnormal shortages also have developed in a large number of other African countries and in Afghanistan, Indonesia, Laos, Lebanon, Nepal and Vietnam."

Arturo F. Tanco, Council President and Agriculture Minister of the Philippines, said a recent U.N. study showed investments of \$75-100 billion were needed between now and 1990 to raise production in 36 basic food producing countries by four per cent if the world is to stay ahead in the race against hunger.

"This may seem like a huge sum but it is not if compared to the fast that expenditures on armaments total \$400 billion annually," he said.

Morocco must change economic plans, says King Hassan II

RABAT, June 13 (R). — King Hassan II told parliament here yesterday that Morocco had to change its economic plans because there was a risk of it becoming too dependent of foreign aid.

In a message to the Chamber of Representatives, the king said it had been decided to scrap the five-year plan due to start this year and replace it with a transitional three-year plan accompanied by "the necessary measures."

In a broadcast last week the king said measures would include a 20 per cent cut in imports, a preferential exchange rate for emigrant workers and promotion of the tourist trade, in order to augment foreign exchange reserves. He also hinted that foreign lenders may be asked to defer debt repayment.

U.S. dollar hits postwar low in Tokyo

TOKYO, June 13 (AP). — The U.S. dollar hit a new postwar low of 217 yen in active trading at the opening of the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market yesterday.

The new rate was far below the previous low of 218.15 yen recorded April 3. The dollar closed at 219.475 yen Monday.

Traders attributed the decline to an overnight plunge in London and New York.

Pakistan will send \$100,000 aid for Bangladesh's Muslim refugees

ISLAMABAD, June 13 (R). — Pakistan will send aid worth \$100,000 for Burmese Muslim refugees in Bangladesh, an official statement said. The aid would be mainly in the form of rice, blankets and medicines and will be shipped out within a week.

The Pakistan Red Crescent Society has already sent a relief consignment for the Burmese Muslims in Bangladesh, which was formerly East Pakistan.

Pakistan said it hoped the mediation efforts of Malaysian Foreign Minister Tengku Rithauddeen would succeed.

The refugees, said to number about 200,000, fled to Bangladesh in the past two months. They have alleged they were driven from their homes at gunpoint by Burmese troops in a concerted campaign against the country's Muslim minority. They fled to makeshift camps on the Bangladesh border alleging murder, rape and arson by the troops — charges Burma has flatly denied.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES LONDON MARKET REPORT

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

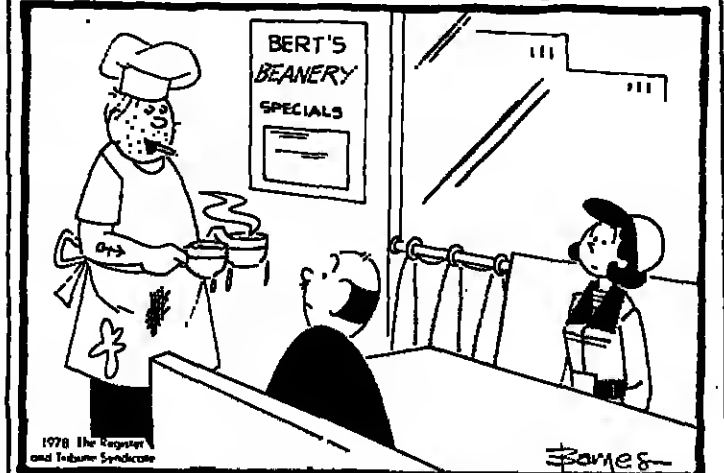
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	4.5380/90	French francs	
	850/30/8	Italian lire	
	216.80/217.00	Japanese yen	
	4.6180/95	Swedish crowns	
	5.3960/80	Norwegian crowns	
	5.6450/70	Danish crowns	

Prices closed mixed in quiet trading Tuesday, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up 2.1 at 474.3. Government bonds were fractionally easier to unchanged in places after being as much as 1/4 point lower earlier in the day. Dealers said operators are hesitant ahead of tomorrow's U.K. trade figures and the offering of the two new government issues later in the week. Leading industrials ended a penny or so higher.

Albright and Wilson ended 14p higher at 171p following agreed terms from Tenneco, while Barclays Bank was unchanged at 335p after being down 7p in reaction to its bid for Investment Trust Corp, which gained 23p to 279 p.

Price of gold closed in London Tuesday at \$182.35/oz.

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Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠862 ♥7543 ♦AJ96 ♣Q5
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 ♥ Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—Pass. Your hand was worth one voluntary move, and you have already made it. The fact that you have four-card support for partner's second suit does not make your hand any better. Partner's rebid in a lower-ranking suit is not forcing, so any action by you now would show extra values.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A872 ♥Q107 ♦AJ865 ♣4
Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?
A.—While you have the values to jump to three no trump, your distribution suggests a suit contract. We would make a Stayman inquiry of two clubs, followed by a rebid of three diamonds regardless of whether or not partner shows a four-card spade suit. If the hands fit well, you might be laydown for a slam!

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AJ982 ♥KJ7 ♠62 ♦AKQ
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—It seems that slam depends only on partner's diamond holding. If he does not have two quick losers, you should be an overwhelming favorite for at least twelve tricks. A jump to five spades will set his mind at rest about the trump suit and will pinpoint your concern about the diamond suit.

Q.4—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠73 ♥AJ9 ♦A873 ♣KQ105
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?
A.—Double, and lead a trump if partner leaves it in. Either East has some queer ideas about forcing two-bids, or his hand is very distributional. If the former, your double could reap a handsome profit; if the latter, partner might take out into a red suit for a good save.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A7 ♥5 ♦AK872 ♣AK963
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one heart. What action do you take?
A.—Double. We do not normally recommend a take-out double with a two-suited hand. It is usually wiser to bid both suits. Here, however, your hand is just too strong for that action. You should still plan on showing both suits if the auction permits.

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AK8 ♥AQ4 ♦J983 ♣AKQ
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
2 NT Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—Four spades. Despite your wealth of prime cards, don't bid the same values twice. Your opening bid has already announced 22-24 points and something in every suit. Any further move is up to partner.

Q.7—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♥K976 ♦Q852 ♣K104
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Dble. ?
What action do you take?
A.—We recommend that you bid one no trump—the same action you would have taken had there been no interference. If you do not tell partner now that you have some values, you are unlikely to have the opportunity to do so later in the auction. That could result in a lost part-score or game, or a doubled penalty from the opponents.

Q.8—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AK982 ♥AQJ6 ♦7 ♣883
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♥ Pass
3 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?
A.—You are in the slam zone, but you can't yet determine the correct level of the final contract. For the moment, you need no more than complete the picture of your hand. Bid four clubs—to highlight your single top diamond. That might spur partner into making a forward-going move.

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